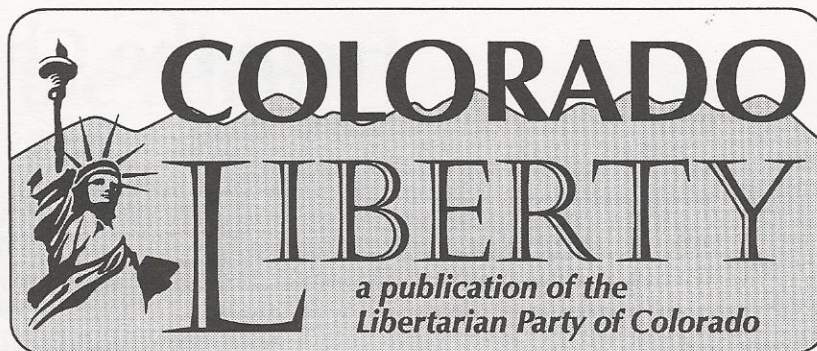


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Petition Rights Amendment Deserves Your Support

by Dennis Polhill

Petition circulation has finally begun for the Petition Rights Amendment (PRA). It was twice delayed by the supreme court because of absurd claims that protecting our First Amendment right to petition the government is multiple subjects.

WHAT DOES PRA DO? In one easy-to-read page, PRA defines the Colorado petition process. In four sections, PRA:

1) Allows petitions to all local governments, not just cities, so citizens can directly influence county, school, authority, and special district legislative policy. State signature rules apply to all local petitions (5% of the vote, not 10-15% of all local registrants). All single-subject disputes must be filed within 5 days of title setting and decided in 21 days; right now, foes can tie up petitions in court for months, or even wait until the issue wins on Election Day! Government will print sim-

ple petition forms to avoid challenges over a typo. Petition ballot titles are limited to 100 words—no more dirty tricks like the one government pulled on the Election Reform Amendment, giving it a 233-word title, which caused it to drop twenty points on Election Day.

2) Reduces the number of new state or local "emergency" laws (immune from citizen review by petition) to 9 per government per year, and those must be passed by a 3/4 vote. (Legislators have claimed 20,000 emergencies since 1932—99.9% of bills!) Any other (non-emergency) law may be petitioned onto the ballot for voter review. If signatures are filed by a 90-day deadline, the law does not go into effect until we vote. If rejected by voters, the law cannot be passed again for 8 years without voter approval. This restores an 85-year-old constitutional right!

see **Petition Rights**, page 7

"Each One Reach One" Project Off to Good Start

by Richard G. Combs

The new "Each One Reach One" membership growth project is off to a good start, according to Membership Director Larry Hoffenberg, but needs more participation from LPC members to be a real success.

"I'm pleased with the response so far," said Hoffenberg, "and want to thank everyone who's participated, especially Deron Dilger. But I know we can do better."

Hoffenberg said the LPC has received about two dozen names of people who may be interested in the Libertarian Party, almost half sent in by Dilger.

"But our goal is to add 40 or more new names to our mailing list, so we need about twenty more Libertarians to contribute the name of a friend, family member, or co-worker," Hoffenberg continued. "There must be another couple of dozen Libertarians in Colorado who know someone who's interested in our message of more personal freedom. Help us out!"



see **Each One Reach One**, page 5

From the Chair:

In April, Libertarian Party members (you) will be choosing a new board of directors. Several current board members will be leaving for various reasons.

Richard Combs will not run again for the Publications Director. He has done an excellent job of refurbishing the image of the LP with a publication (the *Colorado Liberty*) that we can all be proud of. The *Colorado Liberty* has received compliments from around the nation as a result of his efforts. I hope his successor will continue the high standards we've come to expect.

Judd Ptak has been unable, for personal reasons, to do much with the Legislative position in recent months. A replacement is needed immediately to focus on the General Assembly, which begins its session in the next couple of weeks.

Dan Cochran, Public Information Director, has indicated an interest in running for public office again this year. He will be

stepping down from the LPC board to focus on that effort. Most of his work has been concentrated on writing and distributing news releases to the news media around the state.

Lastly, I will not be running for the Chairmanship. During the last 4 years, I've managed to improve the professionalism of our party and our public image, but I think we would benefit from a slightly different leadership style and focus. I hope my successor will continue improvements in those areas as well as building membership and running candidates.

Speaking of candidates, I will be using my new-found "free time" to run for the Regional Transportation District board here in Denver.

I have found this job to be rewarding because of the people I've met (you) and the skills I've learned. I hope you will consider taking on one of these positions or a similar one at the local level. I know you can do it and you can benefit from it.

Please call me or any other board member if you'd like more information about these, or any other, positions.

David Aitken
Chairman, LPC

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To the Editor:

Editor's note: We received the following letter from member Christine Shock via e-mail. Believing that it raises an issue of concern to many Libertarians, we are devoting this page to her letter and a reply by Harry Browne. Affiliate News will return next month.

Harry Browne...Pro-Choice on Everything...but Choice

I have a question for the national party—Do you check your potential candidates' credentials? I personally have spent over two months trying to get the Harry Browne campaign to give me their position on reproductive rights. From September 1 to November 18th, all I heard was how "pro-choice" Harry's staffers believed him to be.

On November 19, 1995, I finally received a reply from the Browne campaign via Jon Kalb. Mr. Kalb quoted me a section of Harry's new book, which states:

Until science can demonstrate otherwise, I must assume that life begins at conception. Thus I believe that abortion is wrong—very wrong...So long as we wait for the government to solve this problem the abortion clinics will operate at full speed. And, if we have any respect for the constitution, it surely isn't a matter in which the federal government has any role—either to facilitate or stop abortion or *prevent state governments from stopping them.* (emphasis mine)

So Harry, you would use the coercive power of state government to prevent a woman from making choices about her own life, just because you don't approve of abortion. That doesn't seem very libertarian to me. You sound like a pale echo of a Pat Buchanan or Alan Keyes. Except that you are too afraid to do the dirty work yourself; instead, you would farm it out to the states.

A question to both the National LP and Harry Browne—Have you ever read the pledge? Do you remember the section about not using the coercive power of government to achieve your own *personal*, ethical or *religious* goals? Has the National LP strayed from its common goal: a society where *all* relationships among persons are based on voluntary cooperation—not religious dogma forced upon us by governments, either federal or state?

Christine K. Shock
Thornton, Colorado

Editor's note: After receiving the above letter, we asked the Browne campaign to respond. Harry Browne's reply follows.

Thank you for asking me to state my position on abortion.

Until medical science can prove that life begins at some point after conception, I must assume that abortion is the taking of a human life. And so I am personally opposed to abortion in all cases except to save the life of the mother.

However, government doesn't work. And I would no more advocate using the power of government to implement my view on abortions than I would to stop discrimination, end poverty, or end drug abuse. That applies to *all* governments *without exception.*

I am running for President of the U.S., and so I am concerned about federal policies. I believe it is foolish to trust the federal government to correct the mistaken policies of individual states. An individual can escape what is wrong in his state by moving to another state, but he can escape a mistaken federal policy only by moving to another country. Even when the federal government seems to take our side, it usually ends up reducing freedom, not expanding it. In chapter 5 of *Why Government Doesn't Work*, I give examples of how this happens.

So I want the federal government to stay *completely* out of the area of abortion—no subsidies, no laws, and no attempt to dictate or overrule state laws. It's too bad Christine Shock didn't have a chance to read *Why Government Doesn't Work* for herself. Had she done so, she would have known that my anti-government stance is completely consistent.

We Libertarians are very fortunate. Every poll indicates that three out of four Americans believe the federal government is much too large. And the LP is the only party advocating dramatic reductions in government. We have been handed the opportunity we have dreamed of for decades.

There may be disagreements within the LP over the final destination we want to reach, but we are united on the direction we want to take—toward much smaller government. If we allow ourselves to focus on disagreements about wording, tactics, or the eventual destination, we will throw away this wonderful opportunity.

In *Why Government Doesn't Work*, I have set forth a program for reducing the federal government to a fraction of its present size—a program I believe most Americans will find attractive and non-threatening. The book is in the bookstores now, and I hope you'll read it—so that you'll know my views on all major issues, stated in context and not in snatches.

Then please help. Help by getting the book into the hands of as many people as possible, by writing letters to editors about my candidacy, by encouraging radio and TV shows to have me on as a guest—and by donating money to the campaign to help us reach every American voter with the message that there's a credible way to repeal the income tax, to get Social Security out of the clutches of the government, and to bring about an America of greater personal freedom and prosperity. You can contact the campaign by calling (800) 314-8611.

Our time has come. Let's take advantage of it. Let's make America a free country.

With best wishes,
Harry Browne

How to make BIG MONEY working for the Libertarian Party

Are you a highly motivated, enthusiastic member of the Libertarian Party?

If so, we'd like to team up with you at the 1996 Colorado State Fair in Pueblo. We're looking for commissioned Membership Representatives to recruit new members at the fair. Over 1.1 million visitors will attend the 1996 fair, which will run from August 17th to September 2nd. This will be smack in the middle of the presidential campaign, so politics will be on everyone's mind. The fair will be the LPC's largest and most important outreach effort ever, and we're looking for working partners to ensure the success of this venture.

Qualifications:

- Energetic, self-starter.
- Professional appearance and demeanor.
- Well organized.
- Enjoy dealing with the general public.
- Prior sales experience a plus.
- Conversant with current political affairs.

The LPC offers a generous commission and bonus package. Your potential earnings over the 16 day fair could be very lucrative.

Time is running out! We must soon decide whether to commit to this project. We need several more people interested in doing this to justify the significant investment required to reserve a space.

If you'd like to be part of this project, please call or fax Larry Hoffenberg right away at (303) 755-4843, or send e-mail to LPCOLORADO@AOL.COM.

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I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

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Date _____

What does the above pledge mean? We ask our members to disavow the *initiation* of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you *do* have a right to defend your life, liberty, and property. It means that you cannot use the coercive power of government to forcibly achieve your personal, ethical, or religious goals. This commitment helps us maintain our principles and provides us with a measuring stick to determine if we have strayed from our common goal: a society where all relationships among persons are based on voluntary cooperation.

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"Each One Reach One" Project Off to Good Start

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The "Each One Reach One" project, announced in the November/December *Colorado Liberty*, is designed to boost LPC membership. Every LPC member and supporter was asked to send in the name of one friend who may be interested in the Libertarian Party, plus one dollar per name to help cover the cost of mailing them an information package.

LPC Chairman David Aitken echoed Hoffenberg's comments. "To those of you who've sent in names, I say thank you," said Aitken. "To those of you who haven't, please take a minute to do so right now. It's easy, and it can really help our cause."

"Let's face it, we'll never be taken seriously as a political force until we have the membership numbers to back us up, and we need your help to achieve that growth."

"Even if you can't donate large sums of money to the party, or attend meetings, or volunteer for outreach efforts—you can certainly do this!"

Hoffenberg said he's mailed out information packages to the people whose names were submitted last month, and is optimistic about the response. "It's too early to tell yet how many of them will actually join the party, but we're hopeful," he said.

Each person whose name is sent in receives an information package containing an issue of *Colorado Liberty* and a selection of brochures about Libertarianism, along with a personalized letter from Hoffenberg explaining why they are receiving this information. In addition, each person receives a complimentary six-month subscription to *Colorado Liberty*.

"I can't imagine that there is a single LPC member—a person who has already made a commitment to liberty—who won't take this small additional step to help us grow," said Hoffenberg. "Please, send in your 'Each One Reach One' name or names today!"

To participate in this project, use the form below (or a photocopy) to send the full name and address, including ZIP code, of a Colorado resident to:

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☐ I have enclosed \$1 to help pay for the cost of sending the information package.

☒ **My name is:** (Sorry, we can't send an information package if we don't have your name.)

☒ Have more friends who might be interested in the Libertarian Party? Please write their name(s) and address(es) on a separate sheet, along with \$1 per name.

Five Lessons for Libertarian Candidates

by Carol Hill

First of all, I LOST!!! AAAARRRRGGGGHHHH!!!!

Well, getting that out of my system felt good. Even when you don't expect to win, losing is still disappointing. In this instance, however, it is also maddening, as I placed second in a three-way race, losing by only 16 votes!

Lesson One: Never take anything for granted, especially losing.

From the beginning, the response to my campaign and a libertarian approach to local issues and government was extremely positive. However, I never allowed the positive responses to silence that cynical little voice in the back of my head that kept warning me: "Don't get your hopes up—libertarians can't *really* win elections. Be prepared for a poor third-place showing, and be content with expanding general awareness of libertarian principles." Well, I am *not* content, and that naughty little voice of skepticism has not only been silenced, it's dead—I murdered it about ten minutes after getting the election results.

Basically, I lost because I took it for granted I would. Because I saw victory as such an improbable long shot and was determined to be "realistic" about it, my campaign "strategy" turned out to be little more than a plan for putting the best possible face on a losing cause—and all along I was actually winning! Of course, the strategy did succeed—unfortunately.

Lesson Two: Libertarian solutions can win!

We don't need to look at our campaigns as merely opportunities to "spread the word," and we don't need to argue principles, but simply present them as alternative solutions. I've discovered that people respond well to libertarian solutions. Our solutions can win, which means we can win. Although it may take a better candidate than I have been, I'm now convinced that once our campaigns embody this belief, *we will start winning.*

"Our solutions can win, which means we can win."

Lesson Three: It's the message, stupid!

While I was fully prepared to argue, I never gave any thought to what I would say to people who agreed with me, beyond being polite and expressing my gratitude. Basically, I didn't anticipate encountering such a response too often. When I did, I tended to dismiss it as the customary politeness typical of a small town, because I doubted my ability to communicate the libertarian message. I expect people to listen to and be persuaded by a Bumper Hornberger or a Harry Browne, but I couldn't believe anyone would actually listen to me. I now understand that the libertarian message is so powerful and persuasive that you don't have to be a Daniel Webster, or even a Ronald Reagan, to deliver it. That's not to say it doesn't help,

but it doesn't hinder as much as I thought. In fact, I think there are now many people who no longer want to be convinced by people anyway, but by ideas—and freedom is still the most convincing and compelling idea around. Because many people *want* to hear what we are saying, our message is our strongest asset, and in most cases, we can rely on it to overcome any oratorical weakness.

Lesson Four: It doesn't take legions of people to be effective.

There was one victory achieved here in which I take great pride: we defeated our city and county "de-brucing" proposals. According to the *Rocky Mountain News*, only a handful out of over 100 such initiatives were defeated. Leadville and Lake County were two of them, and only two people worked to defeat them: my husband and I. While shifting my focus for the last two weeks before the election may have been a tactical error (several people cautioned me against "getting involved in something controversial," and I was the only candidate for any office who publicly took a position on this issue), I believe it was the right decision, even if it hurt me at the polls.

The worst scenario I could imagine was that I wouldn't get elected and the de-brucing proposals would pass. Even if I won, I would still be just one vote on a very liberal council. Limiting the amount of money that the city (and county) would have at their disposal seemed imperative. These proposals lost by only 27 votes in the county and 21 votes in the city. I'm convinced they would have passed if we hadn't made a concerted effort to defeat them. (Of course, this has not helped my popularity ratings among city and county officials.)

As for specific "post-election analysis," other factors involved in this campaign were:

- I'm still considered an "outsider" in this community. Both my opponents have lived all their lives in Leadville. They are very familiar names and faces here.
- I had the worst position on the ballot: the bottom line. I'm told that the top line designation is generally considered to be worth 5% of the vote. With one exception, an incumbent who narrowly won, the candidates with the top line position won all the contested races, including mine.
- The current "powers that be" vocally, if not actively, expressed their opposition to my candidacy. The City Administrator told someone, "God help us if Carol Hill wins." The Democrats have had a firm grip on local government here for as long as anyone can remember. They don't like being challenged.

Realizing that I lost, not the LP and not the libertarian message, I'm eager to begin again (in Leadville, there will be opportunities in '96, '97, and '98). When I decided last summer to run for city council, I also decided that, win or lose, this campaign would not be an end in itself, but just the beginning. I knew then that making the decision to "enter politics" meant

Petition Rights Amendment Deserves Your Support, *continued from page 1*

3) Simplifies petition checking. The secretary of state said Amendment One and other petitions lacked sufficient signatures. Had she won, tax limits would not exist! PRA restates a constitutional presumption of validity and regulates challenges. Petitions get 9 months for circulation and carry forward to the next election if filed after the first deadline. Minor defects—such as using a nickname or omitting “road,” “East,” or a middle initial—are excused. A second chance to file signatures is provided.

4) Gives all petitions the election notice Amendment One required. Petitioners get to tell voters directly why the issue is important. PRA affirms majority rule, unlike Referred Measure “A” on the 1996 ballot, which requires a *sixty percent vote* for future amendments and cuts state election dates in half! (If PRA passes with more votes, it prevails on those points.) Most voter-approved petitions can be changed only by voter approval, reducing the need for constitutional amendment rather than statute. After March 1, 1997, petition laws cannot be changed without voter approval.

WHY DOES IT MATTER? Petitions are a safety valve to prevent political abuse. If politicians act foolishly, or refuse to act, citizens must be able to protect their freedoms, their families, their finances, and their futures. The right to petition is so important that our Founding Fathers listed it in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

Do you want to change government policy? How about a Fully-Informed Jury amendment? Welfare reform? A ban on condom handouts by schools? A concealed carry law? A limit on golden parachutes? Recall of judges? An end to asset forfeiture? Collectivists already control government; we must save this

voice of the People. PRA defends *everyone's* right to petition.

Politicians will continue to attack our rights. They want Big Government to control our lives. We the people can stop them by supporting the Petition Rights Amendment. It guarantees our constitutional right to petition for needed reforms.

HOW CAN I HELP? Every petition drive needs two donations: time and money. We need 80,000 signatures by April 15, 1996. This will be a joint petition drive with Douglas Bruce's petition that provides a \$60 tax credit on each car, phone, income, and property tax, so it will not be hard to attract signers. Sixteen signatures per hour is *very* conservative for a beginner. Anyone can fill a pair of petition forms in six hours. Skilled petitioners only need four hours. The real heroes will get 500 pairs of signatures by March 1st.

We also need money to pay back-up circulators 60 cents for a pair of signatures. A \$60 donation (repaid from your first tax credit) will pay for a pair of 96-space petitions to cut taxes *and* protect your constitutional right to petition. Larger donations will do even more good. If your freedom is not worth \$5 a month, you're reading the wrong newsletter!

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Or call (303) 420-6238 and volunteer to collect signatures. With limited time to petition, we need to hear from Libertarians *now*. Do it today. Do it for Liberty.

DEFEND YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PETITION!
If you don't, who will?

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there were going to be more campaigns in the future. While I'd be the last person to underestimate the importance of libertarians winning elective office, I do believe that, as my first step on this new road, this effort was successful. If nothing else, the lessons from this first campaign will be an invaluable guide for the next one.

Final Lesson: Being a candidate is not only hard work, it feels great! I can't imagine anyone beginning this process with more apprehension and self-doubt than I had four months ago. I am delighted to report that I not only survived this experience, I thrived on it. I found this to be an intoxicating and invigorating opportunity for learning and self-discovery.

I've long believed that one of our biggest problems as libertarians is simply our collective lack of practical political experience. I now believe this doesn't need to remain a problem because there is a lot of experience to be gained from participating in local elections—and it's not that hard. All you have to do is go to your local courthouse, pick up a petition, and start knocking on doors. Again, it's not that hard (time-consuming, yes) and it feels great—especially if, like me, you're occasionally impatient

with the progress we're making. It feels so much better to actually be doing something about it, instead of just worrying and complaining.

I hope I can convince a lot of people of this before the '96 elections. Believe me, there are as many rewards as there are frustrations—sometimes it's even fun—and I sincerely doubt it is an experience anyone would ever regret. The net result of my campaign? I've gained experience and personal growth, together with a new-found belief in the power of a few people to have an impact. And I have more enthusiasm and optimism than I have ever known as a Libertarian.

While I may never win an election, I know I will never lose another one to my own skepticism. I will never again misinterpret agreement and support as courtesy. And I will never again see a Libertarian campaign as just someone's willingness to be a martyr for a great cause, but rather as a genuine campaign, with a genuine candidate who has as much reason to anticipate victory as anyone else. I know we all believe everyone *should* vote Libertarian; what I now also believe is that a lot of people *will*, if we give them the chance.

Ending the Welfare State

How to Promote Opportunity, Work, & Individual Responsibility

FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL and ideological spectrum, there is now almost *universal acknowledgement* that the American social welfare system has been a failure.

Since the start of the "war on poverty" in 1965, the United States has spent more than \$5 trillion trying to ease the plight of the poor. What we have received for this massive investment is — primarily — *more poverty*.

Our welfare system is unfair to everyone: to taxpayers who must pick up the bill for failed programs; to society, whose mediating institutions of community, church and family are increasingly pushed aside; and most of all to the poor themselves, who are trapped in a system that destroys opportunity for themselves and hope for their children.

The Libertarian Party believes it is time for a new approach to fighting poverty. It is a program based on opportunity, work, and individual responsibility.

■ 1. END WELFARE

None of the proposals currently being advanced by either conservatives or liberals is likely to fix the fundamental problems with our welfare system. Current proposals for welfare reform, including block grants, job training, and "workfare" represent mere tinkering with a failed system.

It is time to recognize that welfare *cannot* be reformed: it should be ended.

We should eliminate the entire social welfare system. This includes eliminating AFDC, food stamps, subsidized housing, and all the rest. Individuals who are unable to fully support themselves and their families through the job

market must, once again, learn to rely on supportive family, church, community, or private charity to bridge the gap.

■ 2. ESTABLISH A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE CHARITY

If the federal government's attempt at charity has been a dismal failure, private efforts have been much more successful. America is the most generous nation on earth. We already contribute more than \$125 billion annually to charity. However, as we phase out inefficient government welfare, private charities must be able to step up and fill the void.

To help facilitate this transfer of responsibility from government welfare to private charity, the federal government should offer a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions to private charities that provide social-welfare services. That is to say, if an individual gives a dollar to charity, he should be able to reduce his tax liability by a dollar.

■ 3. TEAR DOWN BARRIERS TO ENTREPRENEURISM AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Almost everyone agrees that a job is better than any welfare program. Yet for years, this country has pursued tax and regulatory policies

that seem perversely designed to *discourage* economic growth and reduce entrepreneurial opportunities.

Someone starting a business today needs a battery of lawyers just to comply with the myriad of government regulations from a virtual alphabet soup of government agencies: OSHA, EPA, FTC, CPSC, etc. Zoning and occupational licensing laws are particularly damaging to the type of small businesses that may help people work their way out of poverty. In addition, government regulations such as minimum wage laws and mandated benefits drive up the cost of employing additional workers. We call for the repeal of government regulations and taxes that are steadily cutting the bottom rungs off the economic ladder.

■ 4. REFORM EDUCATION

There can be no serious attempt to solve the problem of poverty in America without addressing our failed government-run school system. Nearly forty years after *Brown vs. Board of Education*, America's schools are becoming increasingly segregated, not on the basis of race, but on income. Wealthy and middle class parents are able to send their children to private schools, or at least move to a district with better public schools. Poor families are trapped — forced to send their children to a public school system that fails to educate.

It is time to break up the public education monopoly and give all parents the right to decide what school their children will attend. Only a free market in education will provide the improvement in education necessary to enable millions of Americans to escape poverty.

■ SUMMARY

WE SHOULD NOT pretend that reforming our welfare system will be easy or painless. In particular, it will be difficult for those people who use welfare the way it was intended — as a temporary support mechanism during hard times. However, these people remain on welfare for short periods of time. A compassionate society will find other ways to help people who need temporary assistance. But our current government-run welfare system is costly to taxpayers and cruel to the children born into a cycle of welfare dependency and hopelessness.

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"Declare Your Independence" will be held July 3-7, 1996, at the Hyatt in Washington, DC. Highlights of the 1996 convention will include the selection of the party's candidates for President and Vice President and the celebration of the party's 25th anniversary. Portions of the convention will be televised on C-SPAN. Special early-bird convention registration rates expired January 1. To register for the convention or get information about current registration rates, contact FEE, Ltd., 1420 Locust St., #36-D, Philadelphia, PA 19102-4223. Phone: 215-545-6994; Fax: 215-545-6993; Compuserve: 70726,1575.

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The LPC will be entitled to over twenty delegates to the national convention (plus alternates), based on our national membership numbers. Delegates will be chosen at the state convention this spring. Because this national convention is so far away and we have such a large delegation to fill, it is likely that anyone wanting to go can become a delegate.

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Welfare "Pays" Well, Cato Finds

According to a study last fall by the Cato Institute, welfare benefits are far more generous than commonly portrayed. The study compared the combined value of the tax-free benefits for a typical welfare recipient in each of the 50 states with the amount of pretax income a worker would have to earn to have an equivalent income.

In 40 states, welfare "pays" better than an \$8/hour job; in 17, it's better than \$10/hour. In 47 states, the welfare recipient is better off than the average janitor. In 29 states, welfare "pays" more than the average starting salary for a secretary; in 9, it beats the average first-year salary for a teacher; and in the 6 most generous states, benefits exceed the entry-level salary for a computer programmer!

Miscellaneous Political Stuff

We still need volunteers to serve on our Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee. Apply now to the Board of Directors, in care of the LPC office.

Kudos to...

Deron Dilger, who submitted the names of eleven people to get our "Each One Reach One" project off to a flying start. Great job, Deron! Thanks!

Everybody who joined, renewed, contributed to, and worked for the Libertarian Party in 1995! Your continuing commitment makes it possible for our party and the intellectual movement it represents to grow ever stronger in numbers and in political influence. There are now well over 2000 registered Libertarians in Colorado—an all-time high. It's been a great year—thank you all very much! And with your help, we'll make even bigger and better things happen in 1996!

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